



Reading Youth Commission

Agenda

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

6:00 PM

The Great American Creamery

The Youth Commission will serve as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and Managing Director on issues of interest to youth and pertaining to youth in the City of Reading.

The Youth Commission aims to strengthen youth voices within the community and their participation in local government.

CALL TO ORDER – Five members present constitutes a quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be accepted in writing through an email to michelle.smith@readingpa.gov. Written public comment must be submitted by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting. All comments received will be read into the record. Those wishing to make comment at the meeting must also register prior to 3:00 pm the day of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES – May 3, 2023, June 7, 2023, July 5, 2023

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

EVENT PLANNING

- National Night Out
- Youth 3 on 3 basketball tournament - Rogelio
- Not One More - Genesis
- Halloween on Penn

OLD BUSINESS

- Let's Keep Talking videos
- Giveaway order - Melanie
- Video Contest – Jane and Rogelio
- Review 2023 Budget usage - Shelly

NEW BUSINESS

- Membership Update - Shelly
- Remaining 2023 meeting schedule
- Review list of interests

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

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Youth Commission Interests

- Mental health issues
- More recreational opportunities
- Keep youth from relocating outside Reading as adults
- Homelessness
- Pollution / climate change / environmental issues
- Reducing teen pregnancy rates – Let's Keep Talking Tuesday social media videos
- Increase good-paying jobs
- Clean & safe streets
- Racial injustice
- Legislative process
- Self-expression
- Navigating the political system
- Pride of place
- Process / requirements to open a business

Speaker Requests

- Police Chief - police policy review
- MDJ – landlord / tenant issues
- MDJ – property maintenance issues